



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 11, 2014, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; William Beardsley; Ande Smith; Kristin Bishop; Alyssa Wardwell; and Gwendolyn Viles.

Excused: Nichi Farnham

Also present were: Anita Bernhardt, Coordinator for Standards and Instruction; Harry Osgood, Project Consultant, Maine Department of Education; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's ruling for the student transfer to MSAD #1, Presque Isle.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with two members opposed (Steve Pound and Peter Geiger) to approve the student transfer to RSU #11. Motion Carries.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by William Beardsley, and voted two in favor with six members opposed (Nancy Perkins, Peter Geiger, Steven Pound, Martha Harris, Ande Smith and Heidi Sampson) to approve the student transfer to RSU #5. Motion Denied.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted six in favor with two members opposed (Jana Lapoint and William Beardsley) to uphold the Commissioner's ruling for the student transfer to MSAD #5. Motion Carries.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Nancy Perkins: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (Heidi Sampson) to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FROM HUSSON UNIVERSITY FOR RENEWAL OF STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL OF ITS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND: Husson University submitted an application for renewal of current State program approval to offer the following programs:

Undergraduate Programs:

- Elementary Education
- Physical Education
- Secondary Education (with concentrations in English Language Arts, Life Science and Physical Science)
- Educational Studies – Career and Technical Education
- Health Education

Graduate Program:

- Master of School Counseling

From noon Sunday, March 30 through noon Wednesday, April 2, 2014 the Review Team members met on the Husson University campus in Bangor to thoroughly assess the School of Education's degree programs. Following this visit the Team compiled its Report of Findings that summarizes what the Team found. A copy of the Husson University School of Education's Self-Study Report and the Review Team's Report of Findings were distributed for receipt by State Board members during the Board's May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team's Report of Findings and grant renewal of state program approval to the following Husson University educator preparation programs: Elementary Education (K-8); Physical Education (K-12); Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); Health Education (K-12); the post-baccalaureate certification programs in Elementary Education (K-8) and Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); and the Master of School Counseling Program.

Because the Board granted these programs a six-month extension of state program approval in 2013 the state program approval cycle for all of these programs would be for a four-and-a-half-year period from the spring 2014 to the of fall 2018.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to accept the Review Team's Report of Findings and grant renewal of state program approval to the following Husson University educator preparation programs: Elementary Education (K-8); Physical Education (K-12); Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); Health Education (K-12); the post-baccalaureate certification programs in Elementary Education (K-8) and Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); and the Master of School Counseling Program. Because the Board granted these programs a six-month extension of state program approval in 2013 the state program approval cycle for all of these programs would be for a four-and-a-half-year period from the spring 2014 to the of fall 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT REGARDING THE SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: In late fall 2011 Saint Joseph's College requested an on-site campus visitation for the review of the following teacher preparation programs:

- Elementary Education (K-8) - Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Secondary Education (7-12) – Minor (English, Mathematics, History, Life Science, Physical Science)
- Physical Education (K-12) - Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

The on-site visit was conducted from February 5th through February 8th, 2012. Following the on-site visit, a Review Team Report was prepared which included findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Team Report was distributed for receipt to Board members during the Board's April 11, 2012 meeting. Action on this report was taken by State Board members during its May 9, 2012 meeting at which time the Board approved the following recommendation:

“That the Saint Joseph’s College teacher education programs be granted program approval from winter 2012 to winter 2014 and that the Unit be required to develop and submit an Interim Report to the Maine Department of Education no later than January 31, 2014.” The Interim Report was to be limited to the Unit’s response regarding the Team’s recommendations associated with Unit Standard Four - Diversity. The required Interim Report from Saint Joseph’s College was received and distributed to Board members during the May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board accept the Saint Joseph’s College Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2017.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Saint Joseph’s College Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2017.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW

BACKGROUND: The University of Maine at Presque Isle had requested a campus visit to review, for renewal, its teacher preparation programs in the following areas:

Elementary Education (K-8)

Secondary Education (7-12)

- Life Sciences
- English
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- Mathematics

Physical Education (K-12)

Health Education (K-12)

Foreign Language (K-12)

Arts Education (K-12)

An on-site Review Team visit was conducted February 12 – 15, 2012. Following the on-site visit the Team’s report of findings was developed, reviewed by Team members in final draft, shared

with the applicant to check for any errors of fact or figure, and assembled in final form for submission to the State Board. The Review Team's Report of Findings was distributed for receipt during the April 11, 2012 Board meeting. During this meeting the Board granted approval from Winter 2012 to Winter 2014 and required the Unit to develop and submit an Interim Report by January 31, 2014 which was to be limited to the Unit's response to the team's recommendations associated with Standards One and Two. The Interim Report was reviewed by Dr. Kathy Yardley who served as the 2012 Team Chair and has recommended that the report be approved by the Board. A copy of the Interim Report was distributed to Board members during the May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the UMPI Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2016.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the UMPI Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2016.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT BY CENTRAL MAINE MEDICAL CENTER COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (CMMCCNHP) ADMINISTRATION TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE MAINE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (MCHP), EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND: In late-March, 2014 the Department was notified by corporate counsel representing Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) of the intent to change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions. It was made clear to the Department that the sole reason for the name change is that the College's current name has proven, over time, to be too cumbersome. The Department has also been assured that the change in name will not result in any changes to the institution's current authorization to offer the AAS in Nursing degree.

While the Department had been alerted to the institution's intent to make this change, further action on this matter was deferred, at the institution's request, until after graduation ceremonies so as to avoid further confusion on the part of its students and families. It was understood that once commencement exercises had been concluded the institution would formally notify the Commissioner of its name change plans. In the meantime, a review of Title 20-A, Chapter 409, Degree-Granting Institutions, was conducted and the Department has concluded the following: 1) the name change will not be affected by the definitions as set forth in §10701; 2) will not involve any of the prohibition criteria in §10711; and 3) will not initiate any circumstances resulting in termination of degree-granting authority as listed in §10712. Rather, the change in name falls under the criteria listed in the second sentence of §10712, Item 4, Merger; consolidation; reorganization.

The Department has determined that there are no further requirements, in either statute or rule that need to be satisfied. However, the institution's representatives were advised that a letter of notification would need to be sent to the Commissioner when the institution was prepared to proceed with the name change. In this letter the College's intention to seek the name change would be specified. It was also made clear that with the change in name no further degrees could be conferred by or in the name of CMMCCHP following a stated effective date.

In a letter from the President, Susan C. Baltrus, dated May 19, 2014, the Department was formally notified that the College will change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions, effective July 1, 2014. The Department has also been notified that Articles of

Amendment have been filed with the Office of Secretary of State; affirmation has been received that no future degrees will be conferred in the name of CMMCCHP.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the notification of the change in name by administration from the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP); and, that the State Board of Education recognize the institution's change in name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP), with the effective date being July 1, 2014.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the notification of the change in name by administration from the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP); and, that the State Board of Education recognize the institution's change in name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP), with the effective date being July 1, 2014.

TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CENTRAL MAINE MEDICAL CENTER COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (CMMCCNHP), LOCATED IN LEWISTON, MAINE TO CONFER ACADEMIC DEGREES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

BACKGROUND: In a letter from President, Susan C. Baltrus, dated May 19, 2014, the Department was formally notified that the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) will change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP) with the effective being July 1, 2014. In this letter the Commissioner was also notified that Articles of Amendment have been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. President Baltrus's letter contained affirmation that no future degrees will be conferred in the name of CMMCCHP.

20-A MRSA, Chapter 409, §10712, provides that the State Board of Education terminates the authority of an educational institution to confer degrees when any of the following has occurred: 1. discontinuance of instruction; 2) sale of stock; 3) sale or lease of assets; and/or 4) merger, consolidation, or reorganization. The Department has been advised that, effective July 1, 2014, the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions will discontinue all instruction and the conferring of academic degrees under the name of CMMCCNHP. Commencing on July 1, 2014, the CMMCCNHP will be replaced by an institution which will offer the same instruction and continue to confer the AAS in Nursing degree under the name of the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP). The academic program will remain the same – only the name will have changed.

RECOMMENDATION: That, given discontinuance of instruction, the State Board of Education terminate the degree-granting authority of the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions - with the effective being July 1, 2014.

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve all degree granting authority given by the Board to the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions shall continue in force with the same entity under its new name, Maine College of Health Professions effective July 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Martha Harris):

The Construction Committee did not meet on June 2, 2014. Martha wrote a letter to the Superintendent in Sanford requesting more information regarding the sending schools. She has not received information back. She spoke to Heidi and there may be some people from the sending schools that will want to present to the committee on June 27th.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2014. The meeting will be in room 500 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Certification and Higher Education (Nancy Perkins):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on May 27, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Also present were guest from the Maine School Counselor Association: Elena Perrello, School Counselor; Mikal Crawford, Associate Professor at Husson University; Annette Milliken, University of Maine; Sue Jones, University of Southern Maine and the Title II Instructional Liaison, Amy Johnson.

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Mark Cyr reported that the Certification software has hit a major glitch that they are attempting to resolve. The dates for setting of the cut scores for Praxis II exams will be June 23rd and 24th.

Amy Johnson gave an overview of Title II. She led us through the history of Title II and the types of information collected from the teacher preparation programs. The Committee asked for future updates as the yearly information is collected and reviewed. NCTQ uses this information as part of their analysis of teacher preparation programs around the country.

Elena Perrello and several professors from guidance programs in the university system presented information requesting the changing of wording to Chapter 125. They would like to add the words “of a certified school counselor” to the current language. The committee’s decision to not pursue this request was based on the potential effects that this language restriction would have on the local districts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2014. The meeting will be in room 541 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Steven Pound):

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee did not meet on June 9, 2014.

A letter was sent to Don Canaan regarding the Briggs Grant. Dwight Littlefield has left the department and gone back to Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG). Meg is short another staff person.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2014. The meeting will be in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Chair, Nancy Perkins

- Status of the mentoring group: The current materials were reviewed on June 3. A survey consisting of five questions was created. The questions focused on how are your mentors trained, what resources/materials do you need, and how successful is this training. The survey was sent electronically to the chairs of each districts mentoring team.

- Status of the Maine Principals' Association (MPA) grant: Jackie Wilson and Jeanne Crocker have been working on the details of providing training and resources on the guiding principles and the standards. She has participated in multiple telephone conversations with them as they are discussing how best to maximize the time in each mentoring session. Jackie will be with the Board on the second day of the retreat as the Board looks at the progress of the grant. The National Association of State Boards of Education has been very helpful in providing materials and contacts for the MPA.
- On May 17, she met with Commissioner Rier for agenda review.
- On May 19, she participated in a Maine Principals' Association (MPA) Grant Conference Call.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on May 27.
- On May 30, she met with Jim Rier regarding the retreat agenda. She also had a conference call meeting with Francis Erberle (NASBE) regarding the retreat agenda.
- She met with Jeanne Crocker, MPA and Jackie Wilson on June 2.
- On June 3, the Mentoring Stakeholders' group met
- On June 5, she participated in the Leadership Committee conference call meeting.

Vice Chair, Peter Geiger

- On May 30, he met with Nancy and the Commissioner for agenda review.
- The Maine Teacher of the Year Program expanded in 2014 to the County Teacher of the Year. They now have 16 County Teachers of the Year that will run from May of this year to May of next year. This year, 16 County Teachers of the Year were announced in a ceremony on May 6. One of the teachers will be selected as the 2015 Teacher of the Year. On June 4, Peter hosted (Geiger Office) the Maine Teacher of the Year judging session. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ten minute videos of each teacher and supporting materials that the group had previously viewed.
- On June 6, he spoke at Lewiston High Schools graduation.
- On June 11, he is holding a desert event at Montello School and will be recognizing 50 students with the greatest growth in math scores in all grade levels from the beginning to the end of the year. This is a great recognition as it is not about kids at the top of the class but kids with the greatest growth.
- He is on his 26th year partnership with Montello School. When the graduating class of 2014 were sixth graders Peter started a scholarship fund that he would begin giving out the year these sixth graders graduate from high school. This year he reviewed applications and gave out 4 scholarships.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

William Beardsley:

- He attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on May 27.
- On June 3, he attended the Chapter 118 Mentoring Group meeting.
- He attended a presentation by Dean Nichols for the alumni at the University of Maine, School of Education.
- He attended a Job Corps Academic Advisory Committee meeting with some very interesting people on Job Corps.
- For the fourth year, he attended a K-4 rural elementary school concert. Every song related to the Maine Learning Results or Common Core Curriculum. The subjects were math, reading, literature and science.
- He had a nice conversation with Dick Durost regarding interscholastic athletics which has given him a better understanding of athletics in high school.

Steven Pound:

- On May 16, he attended a meeting on the Briggs Funding.

- On May 19, he participated in a Maine Principals Association (MPA) Grant Conference call meeting.
- On May 21, he attended a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Collaborative meeting.
- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will replace the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). It will change some of the parameters around the Workforce Development System, Training and Employment Services, Job Corps, Adult Education, and State Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
- He is on the Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC) Presidents Advisory Board. EMCC is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state.
- He attended an Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Awards meeting where Cianbro nationally won gold in pipefitting and millwright. Cianbro has won 20 medals in the last six or seven years.
- Maine Employer's Initiative, moving along trying to provide scholarships so businesses can send their employees back for further education.
- He attended Mr. and Mrs. Alan Duplessis' retirement party in Jackman. Alan is a great volunteer in the school systems and his wife a lifelong teacher.
- Building Bridges is a program sponsored by Cianbro that brings educators together to learn more of what is happening in businesses, skills that are needed for jobs, what jobs are available, and what the current wages are. This program helps guidance counselors and others do their jobs because more teachers will understand what the job market is about. They have 30 to 45 people in the program and they can use the program towards re-certification as a teacher.
- Cianbro is looking at partnering with Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) on some training programs.
- He attended an Educate Maine meeting.
- He is co-chair of the Committee on Aging Workforce.
- He attended the Maine Career Development Association Conference.
- He was invited to speak at Stearns High School graduation which is the high school he graduated from.
- The highlight of his month was his wife's retirement after 40 years of teaching and being recognized as one of UNUM's Starting 9 exemplary teachers. UNUM partners with the Sea Dogs on the program to celebrate exemplary teachers in Maine's public schools.

Alyssa Wardwell:

- She took her SATs on June 7th and is waiting for her results.
- At her school, she had two student advisory meetings and they have decided to increase the amount of student hours needed to get into National Honor Society (NHS). They did not have any set hours to apply.
- They also discussed work ethic at her school and the need for more notice to be taken because there are students that need more responsibility.
- She volunteered at Good-Will Park where there are people with brain disabilities. Half of Goodwill's profits go to organizations like this. She volunteered by planting flowers and spending time with people.
- Now that her AP classes are done, she has nothing to do.
- She was a counselor at Maine Youth Leadership.

Gwendolyn Viles:

- She attended a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) conference. She took tests there and got first place in Intro II Business Technology and second place in Intro to Business Communications.
- She has been studying for finals.
- She took her first AP test.
- She went with her track team and their 4x8 qualified for a regional meet.

Ande Smith:

- He attended a Charter Commission meeting and they prepared for the Baxter Academy visit that will take place on June 12.
- The first Virtual Charter School was approved in the last cycle and they have gone through a number of their pre-opening steps. There was an oversight when the contract was done and they had three and a half weeks to fill up their school. They came back to the Commission at their last meeting and requested an extension to reach their total enrollment. The extension was granted by the Commission to the beginning of July and there is no word on how they are progressing with their enrollment. A date has been set for a pre-opening review. They will be attending the next Charter Commission meeting to give an update on their performance. At this point there are no real concerns about whether or not they will be ready to open their doors and the Commission will see how they perform when they open their doors in September.

Martha Harris:

- Her local school district recognized retirees (combined years of 247) with one that had been with the district for 43 years.
- Her local district passed their budget on June 10.
- She is the chair of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Awards Committee and participated in the committee meeting on June 10.
- She shared an article from the Bangor Daily News. The young man in the article attends United Technologies Center (UTC) and he built his own motorcycle. He is a high honors student that is taking AP courses at John Bapst Memorial High School and has recently graduated.
- She and Bill attended the Job Corps event in Bangor. Students are from all over the world but most of the students are from Maine. Hampden Academy just partnered with them this year and two students have already graduated and are going into the military. She was very fascinated by the program.

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended many graduations this season including Royal Academy where she was a supervisory teacher for many years. Students attend from all over the country.
- She has been researching the Carl Perkins Act, and has toured the Oxford Hills CTE center, the Foster Tech Center and recently the Westbrook center.

Jana Lapoint:

- She attended Kristin's graduation at Madison Memorial High School on June 6. Jana read a part of Kristin's speech to the Board.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on May 27.
- She did a presentation on aging at Central Maine Community College (CMMC).

CHARTER COMMISSION UPDATE:

The Commission held a Chapter 3 Rulemaking Public Hearing and no one came or submitted comment. The Commission held three Charter Reviews – Cornville, Harpswell and Fiddlehead. On June 12th the Commission will review Baxter and July 25th MEANS. A date has been established for each review team to complete final report to be submitted to the Charter School, approved by the Commission and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education. Each review consists of three commission members. She will let Ande Smith and Nichi Farnham speak of this work. These reviews require a great deal of time by each commission member. The reviews are extensive covering academic performance, governance, and financials. Commission members meet with administration, staff, teachers, parents, students and governing boards for at least 45 minutes each. Ande is leading the newest Charter School opening of

Maine Charter Academy, their virtual school which appears to be reaching its total enrollment of 243.

At the June 3rd Board meeting the commission denied Baxter's request for 174 days of school and required them to abide by contract with 175 days.

The Commission approved her attending a National Charter School Convention in Las Vegas the end of June to July 3rd.

The Commission will appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair at the July meeting.

The budget issue is still a problem.

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS – Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2014-2015

Presented by Steven Pound, Nominating Committee Chair: A slate of officers were submitted at the May 14, 2014 Board meeting. Peter Geiger was nominated for election of Chair and Martha Harris was nominated for election of Vice Chair for the 2014 – 2015 Year.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to elect Peter Geiger as Chair and Martha Harris as Vice Chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

BUDGET:

Steve Pound distributed the Board's expenditures and requested all Board members to submit their expense account vouchers to Mary for reimbursement as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the June 11, 2014 State Board of Education meeting at 3:00 PM.